V by Women Don't Marry

By MARIE CORELLI

LL the various reason. Thy less women marry than in the days of our grandmothe , may be summed up, more or less in one phrase: "The deca of the art of falling in love."

Falling in love is a vine art, and it belongs, I think to an age of greater simplicity of manners and of less sophistication than the present. It may be described as a sort of general determination of the whole spiritual being, heart, mind, fancy, towards ove, as there is the like general determination of a plant towards light. Young people do not take the fever now as they used, that is all. There is articular reason why they should do so-at least, so the cynics

To fall in love is neither & merit nor a demerit; it involves the splendid imprudences, * an all sorts of compensating prudences ollow-in short, it is a state of contradictions. You risk everyg, and, feeling that son have risked it, you become the most wary circumspect and self-denying person in the world. Character rs as you lock at it under such compulsion. Lads become men, women, in a night and a day.

That was the old state of things. Men and women did not reckon closely upon what they had, beyond the experience of each other's s. All that they knew as to the rest was that they meant to everything needful. The youth began to be careful of his small ge; the girl revised her attitude of scorn towards the domestic and saw a sort of halo of service in the darning of stockings. It an art with young people then, though they knew it not-an art the formation of character, the guidance of impulse, and for all tended to the growth of the mind.

Now it is quite impossible to have any success in an art of that if you are missing in its first requisite-simplicity and unity in butlook on life. You must, so to speak, as in a still greater matter, s a little child. If you are able to laugh at yourself as you are ng in love, to reckon very much with yourself as to wealth, posicomfort, and all the rest of it, you are done for. You are not that art, though you may shine in favorable circumstances in others. You may still, if you have a proper endowment, be a wit, a good dancing-girl, be a wonderful hand at private theatand an indispensable ornament to the dinner-table-but you makes her own place in her own sphere. ot a faller in love. Give it up, and leave to others that tiny plot

f you have it, marriage will become possible, with a good many things besides that belong to that tremendous institution. Selfalways within the reasonable limits that are to be understood liscussion of this sort, becomes only a new form of pleasure. ce, forbearance are positively rollicking relaxations; tenderness, olicitude, first thought for others, are, as it were, the Saturday lidays of the mind. Good fortune comes with a double savor wn, which is quite the smallest part of the matter, and that instinct of sweetness which belongs to the thought that it is ortune for those we love.

wever, what am I talking about in all this? I am trying to e the indescribable. There is only one thing worth adding, by any chance you possess this art, all the other things that are ndrances to marriage will become easy; and if you have it not, dozen times give up all thought of marriage whatsoever. s no doubt a certain reward in being a smart woman or a fellow, and why should not that be enough?

The Love of Mother

By DR. JOHN T. M. JOHNSTON

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HO does not believe that the sweetest, purest, strongest and most unselfish relationship in life is that of the mother? God intended that this should be, and to this end is the little infant laid so helpless-the most helpless of all the animal kingdom-into the arms of a mother, who has gone down into the depths to rescue it, that she may proits prosperity and happiness. Mother's love, what language can

ress it? What tongue can tell it? When human thought compares God's love to a mother's love it go no farther, it can say no more, its richest emblem is exhausted. What tears, what night watching, what solicitude, what selfal, what pure affection is included in that word-mother?

To the high-bred boy the old home where mother lived is al-"Old Point Comfort."

Dh, the wonderful love of mother. The Bible is full of it and d her love seeking expression in various ways. Sometimes it is sed in ambition, as in the case of the mother of James and John, ame to Jesus with these words: "Grant me, Lord, that these o sons may sit-the one on the right hand-the other on the thy kingdom."

ung man, I plead for individual attachment to mother, an ent that will lead you to make her happy and comfortable and sary provide her a home-an attachment that will prevent you ing a base thing for mother's sake. But all the homes in reland and Portland places cannot satisfy the longing of the or her boy. If the son it not clean, pure and aspiring-if he e in spirit and worthy in character-he can not make mother

ng man, if you are honest, truthful, industrious and prayerlife is sure to honor mother and mother's God. You will honorable distinction in the struggle for achievement.

nen of Fashion Losing Tone By JULIA WARD HOWE

The world grows better and not worse, but it does not grow better everywhere all the time.

Women of fashion seem to me to have lost in dignity of character and in general tone and culture. On the other hand, outside this charmed circle of fashion I find the tone of taste and culture much higher than I remember it to have been in my youth. I find women leading nobler and better lives, filling larger and higher places, enjoying the upper air of thought where they used to rest upon

the very soil of domestic care and detail. community gains, although one class loses but that, class that assumes to give standards to the rest.

Lelos Ward Horse.

Reasons for Unhappy Marriages By MRS. RUSSELL SAGE.



I have been asked many times to answer some of the serious questions which affect modern society, the causes of unhappy marriages, the so-called extravagance of our American women, their weakness for hasbands with titles, and finally the duty of a wealthy woman toward her husband and family, as well as society.

Very often, especially, have I been asked what, in my opinion, is the most frequent cause of unhappy marriages.

After years of observation among different sorts and conditions of people, I have come to the conclusion that the answer is:

The absence of individual incomes,

A wife should have an allowance-not only a carte blanche order on her grocer and her milliner for whatever she wants, and send the bill in at the end of the month-but a regular cash allowance to do with as she chooses. A man can hardly realize the galling position in which thousands of wives are placed in begging their husbands for money. A man does not realize that a woman needs a certain amount of independence for her happiness, and so he goes on patting himself on the back as a model husband, whose wife can have most everything she wants by going to this or that store and ordering it on

As for women-women of society-spending more than their husbands can afford; it is certainly true that many women have been raised with extravagant ideas, none of which is of the value of money. Women should learn the value of money from the time they are girls, and it should be taught them by their parents. The parent who fails to do this is doing a girl not only a grave injustice, but is commit-

Most of the ruinous extravagance of women is practiced by those who are not strictly in society, but are trying to buy their way there. That is always a costly undertaking, and a foolish one, because a well-bred womanly woman never dreams of such a thing. She

No young man should marry until his position in life is assured; and in New York and other great centers, before a man is married he ought to be able to provide handsomely for his wife if he desires to be happy. Marriage in New York is a problem very different to marriage in a country village. In the country simplicity is the rule. Here in the congested centers-congested in point of wealth-evidences of extravagance are all around us. Young wives see nothing but wealth and its display. Gorgeous dresses, expensive equipages, lives of luxury and of ease held up as daily examples, gradually arouse in the average woman the spirit of discontent. She is a wonderful woman who can live on a pittance and have constantly held up before her gorgeousness of attire and ease of life, and still be able to conquer the desire to be likewise, and her disappointment if she cannot be. This display on the part of the rich before the eyes of the poor is the cause of more unhappiness and more divorces and separations than one can think of. And what I say the poor, I mean those who are poor by comparison with what some of the newspapers humorously allude to as "the smart set." Perhaps the hardest lot in city life is the lot of the great middle class, if I may use the term-middle class in point of wealth. It behooves young men to give this matter serious thought. Love on little is quite romantic, to be sure, but human nature is alike the world over, and women will ever be envious of their more fortunate sisters. A man should be rich, quite rich, before he is married if he would live happily in a large city like Chicago or

The Pleasures of Poverty

By SYLVANUS URBAN, Editor The Gentleman's Magazine.



LL men prefer riches to poverty, though they often dull the edge of enjoyment. Not infrequently we hear a man and power manufacturing business. expressing himself with generous fervor: "If I had more says the Quiney Journal. The money, what an amount of good I could do!" Unquestionably, and the desire is laudable; but the pleasure to be derived from it would be somewhat illusory-it would not Delaney, who offered the followbe nearly so keen as the imagination promised. Such a ing resolution, the adoption of man would not have half the satisfaction in writing a which he thinks, would relieve the check for \$500 to convert some painted savage, that he city of its present burden: formerly had, when his income was narrow, in giving a

penny to a pitiful creature at a street corner. Want of money creates that our electric light plant to date the value of it, and the pleasure of giving is in proportion.

"But this is selfish," says some generous reader. Doubtless, but ing expenses and repairs of \$52, it is human nature also. Most charity is selfish. Men enjoy the 662 in excess of the receipts, and pleasure of giving, and the smaller the means the more exquisite the further fact that it has cost us sensation, and, shameless though it be, many men enjoy the publicity at least \$60 per lamp per year for of giving. At a public charity dinner more \$100 checks will be seen lighting the streets, to say nothing than \$100 notes. But, after all, the hard-earned penny honestly given of any general expenses, such as has more real virtue than the golden coin wrung from the purse of affluence because publicity demands it. A loaf of broad will always be bettter than a careless check.

A Combine of Churches By DR. NEWELL DWIGHT HILLIS.



NE problem of the church in the next 20 years will be the organization and combination of churches, like the organization and combination effected in the steel business and other industries. The economic reforms which have operated in the past few years to bring about a unification of interests in the industrial and commercial world will yet be felt in church administration, and that most con-

servative organization which we have in the world to-day-the church -will realize the strength and economy which comes from combination, and will fall into line with the present tendency. When this is done an extraordinary waste of money in reduplication of church plants of the different denominations in the same community will be checked, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light," but the church will learn. The past few years has been marked by a tendency to obliterate denominational lines, and the next 20 years will witness still greater developments in that direction. There are now 167 various sects in the country, and the differences between the church denominations are noncessen

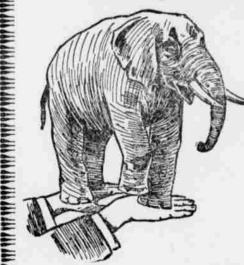
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"Whereas, In view of the fact shows an expenditure for operatcollecting and disbursing the funds and that for a considerable portion of the time the service rendered has been quite unsatisfactory and, whereas, to provide a sinking fund to take care of \$100,000 of bonds will necessitate the setting aside of 25 cents on the one hundred dollars of valuation, which with the present appropriation of 10 cents for old bonds would consume 36 cents of the 60 cents that we are allowed for taxation, leaving only 25 cents for all purposes, unless the receipts of the electric light plant can be increased to cover the expenses of operating and repairs (which they have not done in the past) but to also provide for interest and to retire the bonds, be it resolved: that we first endeavor to secure a satisfactory bid for the purchase of the plant, which shall include a satisfactory price for lighting our streets, a reasonable price to be charged for power and commercial light, and submit such offer to the voters for their acceptance or rejection before submitting a proposition to the voters for the issuing One Minute Co of bonds to build a new plant."

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